

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 14-19 as follows. Please cancel claim 20 without prejudice to continued prosecution. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A process for treating ~~a component selected from the group consisting of corn and/or millet(s) or [[and]] parts thereof,~~ comprising:
  - a) ~~providing the component; and~~
  - b) contacting the ~~corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof~~ component with at least one ~~or more~~ agent~~[(s)]~~ selected from the group consisting of non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin, organic sulfur containing compounds; thiosulfate; and sodium dithionite, thereby producing agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof; and
  - b) wet processing or wet milling the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof.
2. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the agent is utilized in a liquid form.
3. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 further comprising contacting the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof ~~agent treated component~~ with a solution.
4. (Original) The process according to claim 3 wherein the solution is selected from the group consisting of an aqueous solution, an organic solution, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) The process according to claim 4 wherein the solution comprises water.
6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the agent is a non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin organic sulfur containing compound selected from the group consisting of thioglycolic acid, mercaptoethanol, bis(2-mercaptoethyl)sulfone, dithiothreitol, formamidinesulfinic acid, dithioerytheitol, dimethyl sulfide, thiourea, methyl mercaptan, 2-mercaptoethanesulfonic acid, 3-mercaptopropanol, 1-propanethiol, 2-propanethiol, thiolactic acid, thioglycerol, butyl mercaptan, benzenethiol, benzyl mercaptan, diethyldithiocarbamate, N-ethylmaleimide, thiocyanate, and mixtures thereof.
7. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is dithiothreitol.
8. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is mercaptoethanol.
9. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thioglycolic acid.
10. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is dimethyl sulfide.

11. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is bis(2-mercaptoethyl)sulfone.
12. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thiourea.
13. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein the agent is thiolactic acid.
14. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are component is contacted with an amount of agent of at least 0.001 mole/kg corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof component.
15. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are component is contacted with an amount of agent of at least 0.001 mole/kg component to about 2 mole/kg corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof component.
16. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are component is contacted with the agent for a period of at least about 1 minute.
17. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof are component is contacted with the agent for a period of at least about 1 minute to about 72 hours.
18. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the wet processing or the wet milling produces A process for producing a starch product comprising using the treated component of claim 1.
19. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a fermentation feedstock comprising using the treated component of claim 1
  - a) contacting corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof with at least one agent selected from the group consisting of non-protein, non-amino acid, non-vitamin, organic sulfur containing compounds; thiosulfate; and sodium dithionite to produce agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof; and
  - b) wet processing or wet milling the agent-treated corn and/or millet(s) or parts thereof to produce a starch stream and/or a protein stream; and
  - c) using said starch stream and/or said protein stream in a fermentation feedstock.
20. (Canceled)
21. (Original) A fermentation feedstock produced according to claim 19.